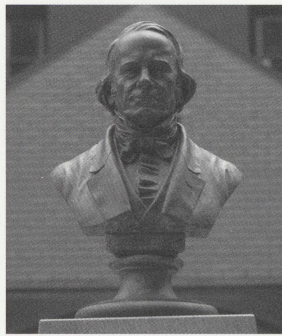


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## Gallaudet Fact—

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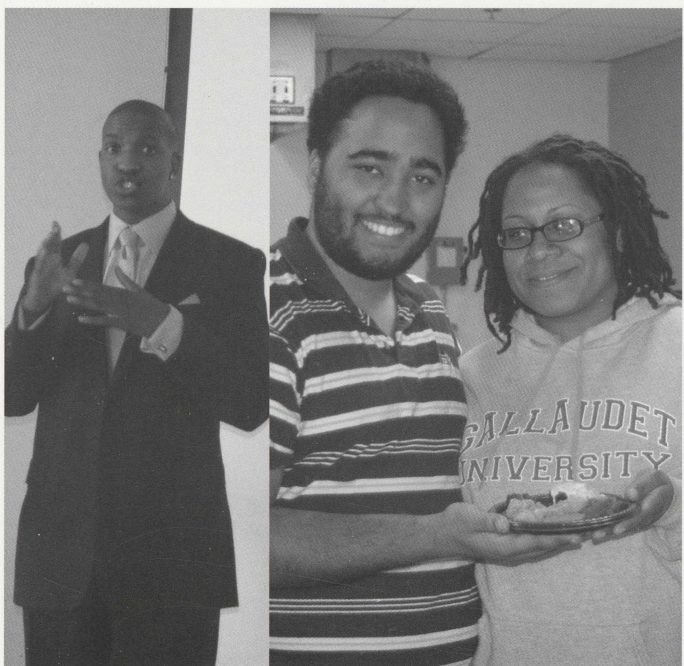
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Some of the 35 visitors to Gallaudet's February 15 Undergraduate Open House climb the snowy steps of Chapel Hall. The group included 19 prospective students from a variety of backgrounds, including deaf students from mainstream and residential school settings, and hearing students. The number of attendees was impressive, given the fact that a major snowstorm had hit the area the previous week, with another on the way that day. "We were surprised with the turnout, because only 12 visitors formally confirmed their attendance," said Tim Woodford, undergraduate student program specialist/visitors coordinator for Admissions. "We were very happy with the numbers that came and we were even happier to be able to give them a great impression of the University. Everyone enjoyed their visit, and some extended their visit to the following day," he said. Many of the prospective visitors who canceled their visit for the open house due to the forecast of heavy snow have rescheduled to attend the final one of the academic year on April 16.

(For more images of Gallaudet's bout with "Snowdaze 2010," go to page 4.)

## Gallaudet hosts Black History Month events



Two Black History Month events took place in mid-February, part of ongoing activities and discussions. (LEFT) Brian Lucas, a 2008 graduate of Gallaudet and a participant in the Keeping the Promise Program, gives the Black History Month keynote on February 18 in the Jordan Student Academic Center Multipurpose Room. The presentation was entitled "Diversity in the 21st Century: Passing the Torch to Generations." It examined the role of diversity throughout American history, as well as how contemporary attitudes and changes in the population might influence our future. (RIGHT) Anthony Harrison and Salafunmilayo Thorne sell chicken wings and brownies for the Black Deaf Student Union (BDSU) in the Jordan Student Academic Center kitchen. Sales were brisk during the February 16 to 18 fundraiser, Harrison reported, exceeding BDSU officers' expectations. Watch Gallaudet publications for coverage of more events celebrating black history and culture.

## Campus Calendar

For the most up-to-date listing of campus events, go to: [calendar.gallaudet.edu](http://calendar.gallaudet.edu).

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## Benjamin Soukup reports on Board of Trustees' winter meeting

The following memo was emailed to the campus on February 25.

Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to be writing to you about action items on a number of important matters that were taken by the Board of Trustees at our winter meeting on campus this past Saturday [February 20]. I regret that I was unable to attend the meeting and wish to thank my colleague, Frank H. Wu, vice chair, for directing the meeting in my place. This meeting was rescheduled from February 10 to 12 due to the twin blizzards that struck the mid-Atlantic region that week, which made travel conditions hazardous for the trustees, dedicated volunteers who come to Gallaudet from across the nation. I am pleased to say that our meeting was extremely productive. Even though the normal work of two and a half days had to be compressed into a single day, the Board accomplished a tremendous amount of work.

On behalf of the entire Board, we want to recognize and praise Dr. Hurwitz for the outstanding job he is doing as our new president and the notable progress he's made in the short time he has been here. The transition to his administration has been seamless. He has started aggressively to implement the strategic plan, and he has selected a cabinet of talented individuals who are working closely with him to help fulfill the University's goals. The Board has been most impressed by everything Dr. Hurwitz has done to date, and his presentations at the meeting were most informative.

The following is a recap of the actions taken by the Board of Trustees at the meeting:

- Approved a special resolution honoring the

- Board's late colleague, Dr. Lawrence Fleischer.
- Ratified an updated version of Gallaudet's investment policy statement governing the University's actions on the goals and objectives of its endowment fund assets. The Board learned that Gallaudet's endowment is in sound fiscal condition, totaling approximately \$156 million as of September 30.
- Approved the bylaws of the Gallaudet Staff Council.
- Approved proposed changes to the *Faculty Guidelines* on procedural matters between faculty and the Provost that deal with, for example, how files are passed from person to person, and other small changes.

At every Board meeting, the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee also meet to consider confidential matters to ensure Gallaudet meets legal requirements. Over the past several years, the government has increased the responsibilities of governing boards to oversee these aspects of non-profit organizations.

I would also like to announce the Board's decision on the specific honorary degrees that will be awarded at this year's Commencement exercises on May 14: Dr. Nancy Grasmick, G-'65, Maryland state school superintendent, who also will be our Commencement speaker, will receive an honorary doctorate of law, and Dr. Robert Sanderson, '41, Trustee emeritus, will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters. On a related matter, a working group of selected members from our community is being formed to advise the Board on the process for making recommendations for honorary degree recipients. This working group will make

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## Students and staff team up for Spin-4-Haiti



Lena Dunning, a personal trainer who teaches spinning classes at Gallaudet and who helped to organize Spin-4-Haiti, shows off one of the stationary bicycles that inspired the event. Although the event was snowed out, it raised much-needed funds and awareness.

News of the January 12 earthquake in Haiti left senior Rachel Rose reeling—and paralyzed.

"In the moments that passed as I watched the earthquake's devastating impact unfold from my television, I felt helpless," she said. When her friends Lena Dunning and Elizabeth Sorkin admitted to the same frustrations, shared emotions turned to action. "We thought—why not do something about it?" Rose said.

Dunning, who had been teaching spinning classes on Gallaudet's legion of new stationary

bikes, had an idea: Why not organize a "spin-a-thon" fundraiser? The bikes are new, and the students, faculty, and staff all took to stationary cycling with enthusiasm. From there, the idea took off. "I went with three hours first," said Dunning. "Then called back in 10 minutes and said 'why not make it 24 hours?'"

Sorkin soon joined the planning committee for what came to be called Spin-4-Haiti. Sorkin, a digital video specialist in Academic Technology, forged partnerships with the organizations Global Reach Out Initiative and Deaf Youth USA. These groups each gave significant support to the event, as did the Department of Social Work, the Student Body Government, Department of Athletics, *The Buff and Blue*, the Office of Student Affairs, and Dunning's personal training company, Mezher Up. The organizers designated as their beneficiary Friends of Montfort, an organization that supports the Institut Montfort, a school serving more than 600 deaf and deaf-blind students in Port-au-Prince. They wish to thank Maryse Haig for connecting them with Friends of Montfort. It was important, Dunning said, to benefit an organization that had been working with and for the deaf community even before the earthquake hit.

By the time the event was scheduled to begin, the committee and sponsors had lined up a full day of exercise and entertainment for the benefit, complete with workout guidelines, a few hours of in-person guidance by Dunning, and DJ Jonathan Kovacs. Food and water would be on site to keep the spinners going. By the time the event was

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## Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

Why am I getting so many emails about crime around Gallaudet? Should I stop going off campus? It seems pretty dangerous out there these days.

Wary

Dear Wondering,

Like you, I've noticed a heap of emails about this lately, and I've started to ask questions, like: *Should I be afraid? Should I even venture off campus? And if I do step outside the gates, should I leave behind my valuables, like my recycled milk carton wallet and cherished cheese hat?*

Funny enough, it turns out that, overall, crime went down between 2001 and 2008, both in Ward 5 and in D.C. as a whole. Yet our notifications are on the increase. That led me to yet another question: *Huh?*

If you'll just follow me for a minute, I'll lay out the whole string of straw I discovered. First of all, Gallaudet's Department of Public Safety (DPS) has always kept us informed in accordance with the Timely Notice provisions of the 1991 Crime Awareness and Campus Securities Act. They did this in a number of ways, including posting the information in *Daily Digest*.

Lately, DPS has made the notices even more timely by sending them through the Gallaudet Alert System. When the Metropolitan Police Department sends word of a crime near the campus, DPS forwards the information to us. Anyone with a Gallaudet email address automatically receives these alerts, and therefore always gets a notice of crime in the area. So that's why you may feel we've seen an increase, when really the crime rate hasn't changed much.

This is not to say that crime isn't a concern. You should surely follow the advice that DPS often sends with its alerts. Advice like "walk in groups, stay alert to your surroundings, do not carry valuables with you." And if you see suspicious activity, report it to the police.

Anyone with a Gallaudet email address is signed up for the Gallaudet Alert system. To add a pager or personal email address, follow these steps: Using the device or account with the address to which you want the alert sent, send a completely blank message with nothing in the subject line to alert-subscribe-request@gulists.gallaudet.edu. After the listserv has received your blank email, Gallaudet Alert will send you an acknowledgment and give you instructions to add your address to the alert list.

To unsubscribe from the alerts, you can send a blank email to alert-unsubscribe-request@gulists.gallaudet.edu.

I hope this helps, Wary. I appreciate your question, and your vigilance!

Sincerely,  
Cousin Sally

P.S. To conduct your own investigation into crime trends, check out mpdc.dc.gov and click on "Crime Statistics." Note that Gallaudet is in Ward 5.

Cousin Sally, a retired dairy farmer who now serves as On the Green's advice columnist, takes questions at cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.

## Spin-4-Haiti

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scheduled to begin, about 75 participants had signed up to ride. Dunning felt especially strongly about the beneficiaries of the Spin-4-Haiti event. As a student in the Master's in Social Work program, she completed her internship at the Buea School for the Deaf in Cameroon. There, she confirmed what social work classes had told her. "My experience in Cameroon with deaf children is that they are rarely provided an education," Dunning said. "The challenge in developing countries is understanding that deaf children can learn. It's a matter of empowerment and advocacy to improve education."

Though the Spin-4-Haiti event was canceled due to snow, it succeeded in many ways. Sorkin reported more than \$8,000 in donations and expects to see more. Rose saw a groundswell of student and community support. This was a secondary, but much-needed effect of the fundraiser, she feels. "We have a tendency to fall asleep at the helm," Rose said, "while as college students, and especially as Gallaudet students, we have a profound obligation to respond to both national and global deaf communities when they are in desperate need." ■



## Bison Roundup

Pangia awarded Rookie of the Year by President Hurwitz, ECAC

Freshman linebacker Tom Pangia has been honored twice for the Rookie of the Year awards he has earned for terrific play on the gridiron last season. The most recent came on February 24, when President Hurwitz presented Pangia with his Eastern Collegiate Football Conference Rookie of the Year award at a ceremony held in the President's Office and attended by Provost Stephen Weiner, Director of Athletics Michael Weinstock, and football coach Chuck Goldstein.

"It is really important to recognize the achievements of our student-athletes on and off the field. Research has shown that student-athletes perform as well if not better than the rest of the student population," said Dr. Hurwitz. "Student-athletes need to balance their time and balance their schedule and studies. Meeting those commitments and being involved with athletics allows our student-athletes to build leadership skills that will help them in the future."

On February 18, Pangia accepted his 2009 ECAC Division III Northeast Region Rookie of the Year award at the annual Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) football banquet, held at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, N.J. Goldstein and John Davis, assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, accompanied Pangia to the event, which was

attended by Division I, II and III football programs that are members of the ECAC and had been selected for various awards.

"This is quite an honor. When I first arrived here at Gallaudet I didn't think I would earn all of these awards," said Pangia. "Last season was a great experience for me and my teammates. We worked hard, we had great coaching, and it paid off. We hope we can improve next year. I want to lead our team and help them win a championship."

## Women's basketball completes best season in a decade

The women's basketball team completed its most successful season in a decade on February 23. Gallaudet lost 76-58 in the Capital Athletic Conference first round on the road against Wesley College, but finished the season with a 14-12 record, the same mark posted by the 1999-2000 team. The Bison were also making their first CAC tournament appearance since the 2006-07 season. This was the last game for Gallaudet as members of the CAC; the Bison, charter members of the conference that formed in 1989, will leave this summer for the North Eastern Athletic Conference.

This was the best year for Gallaudet coach Kevin Cook, in his third season with the Bison, as the Buff and Blue won more games this season than the past three years combined. The 7-9 conference record was the best since the 9-5 mark set by the 1999-2000 team. The seven conference wins are the fourth highest in Gallaudet history since it has been a member of the CAC. In fact, the seven wins equals the total amount of conference wins the Bison had over the past nine years combined (7-123).

Gallaudet concludes its run in the CAC with an overall record of 178-336 (.346) and a regular-season conference record of 73-203 (.264) in 20 years. ■



Presidential Fellow Kirk VanGilder discusses the nature of American Sign Language with a visiting delegation from Saudi Arabia as they meet for tea and refreshments at the Center for International Programs and Services (CIPS). The group also met with Barbara Stock and Teresa Blankmeyer Burke, faculty members in the Department of Philosophy and Religion; Elizabeth Moore, master's in social work program coordinator assistant professor in the department; and Hend Al Showaier, a Saudi alumna of the English Language Institute. The group came to Gallaudet on February 16 as part of the U.S. State Department's International Leadership Program. CIPS and the Department of Philosophy and Religion worked with the State Department to arrange the afternoon of cultural exchange.



Gallaudet Research Institute staff congratulate colleagues John Woo, research applications programmer, for 35 years of service to the University, and Sue Hotto, research associate for survey and testing programs, for 30 years of service.

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## Roving Reporter

### What did you do during "Snowmageddon 2010"?



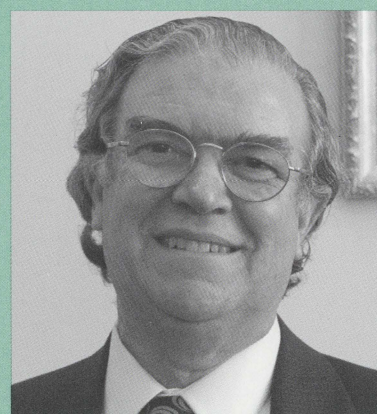
*I played card games in Benson Hall and caught up on sleep. I played in the snow two or three times that week—even though I didn't have any winter gear with me. I come from Minnesota, so I definitely have the gear. I just didn't think I would need it at Gallaudet!*

Meghan Laughlin, undergraduate student



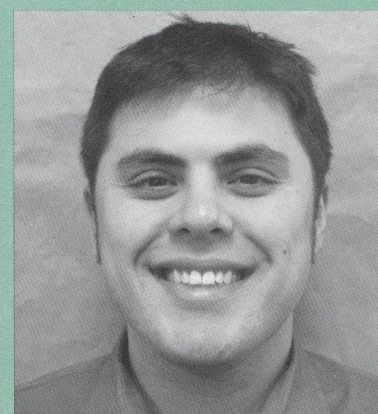
*I shoveled out the security kiosk at the front gate. I also helped students dig out their cars, though I advised them not to remove the vehicles because the streets of D.C. hadn't been plowed. Like many DPS staff members, I stayed at the hotel on campus. It was a very quiet time, with no traffic.*

Daniel Bauer, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety



*During one of the snowy days, I looked out my window near Dupont Circle to see a crowd of people moving through the streets. They were all headed to the Circle for a huge snowball fight—the one reported across the country. I joined what ended up being a crowd of 2,000, stayed for about 45 minutes, and had a "ball." Compared to Rochester, where we get an average of about 120 inches every winter, I didn't think Gallaudet would get much snow. Boy, was I wrong!*

Don Beil, chief of staff, Office of the President



*In addition to finishing up some home remodeling projects and a few other long overdue home errands, I partook in several mass snowball fights all over D.C.*

Alexander Zernovoj, ASL-English bilingual teacher, KDES

## Among Ourselves

A set designed by Theatre Arts Department assistant professor **Ethan Sinnott** for the 2009 production, *Zomo the Rabbit: A Hip-Hop Creation Myth*, at Imagination Stage in Bethesda, Md., has been nominated for a Helen Hayes Award in the category of Outstanding Production, Theatre for Young Audiences. "Ethan's glorious set, with its witty collage of Washington, D.C. landmarks, created a lively sense of place for our innovative hip-hop show," said Janet Stanford, artistic director of Imagination Stage. The awards ceremony will be held April 5.

The January 30 issue of the *Las Vegas Sun* featured Office of Admissions recruiter and alumnus **Nicholas Gould** in an article about a Gallaudet information session he led on January 28. The session, held at Liberty High School, was entirely for deaf eight graders from schools in the area.

When not living among the students as a faculty member in residence, **Teresa Blankmeyer Burke**, an instructor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, lives in Albuquerque, N.M., and maintains a blog about her neighborhood of Barelás. *Albuquerque*, the Magazine's "Best of the City" issue in December named her blog, Barelás Babe, one of the top five blogs in Albuquerque. In the blog, which is associated with the website Duke City Fix, Burke weaves philosophical and ethical analysis on environmental issues, identity politics, art, and culture.

**Dr. Raymond Merritt, Jr.**, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology, successfully defended his dissertation, "Myosins IIIa and IIIb regulate stereocilia length by transporting espin 1 to the polymerizing end of actin filaments," on October 26 at the University of Maryland. His dissertation research, which was conducted at the National Institutes of Health, focused on deaf-related proteins that play critical roles in the morphology and function of mammalian hair cells. This research helps scientists better understand the etiologies of deafness.

**Dr. E. Lynn Jacobowitz**, an associate professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, received the George W. Veditz Award from the National American Sign Language Teachers Association, in Phoenix, Ariz., last October in recognition of her significant contributions to ASL teaching. She also was honored with the Kappa Gamma Teacher of the Year Award last May. In addition, Jacobowitz trained sign language teachers at the University of China-Hong Kong in July and in Japan at two universities—one in Tokyo, the other in Kyoto—and a bilingual school for deaf students in Tokyo, in November and December 2008.

## Clerc Center Happenings

### Clerc Center hosts 7th Annual Tri-State Middle School Basketball Tournament



The KDES girls team, winners of the Tri-State Middle School Basketball Tournament, and coach Everett Carpenter pose with their championship plaque.

By Susan M. Flanigan

The competition was keen at the 7th Annual Tri-State Middle School Basketball Tournament, held February 22 and 23 at MSSD. Participating in this year's tournament were: the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD) and the Lake Drive School, in New Jersey; the Maryland School for the Deaf-Columbia (MSD); and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES).

The KDES girls team won the championship round, 20-8, against MKSD. Lake Drive and MSD took third and fourth place, respectively. The KDES girls won the Layup, Free Throw, and Around the World competitions, and the MKSD girls took home the award for

Sportsmanship.

The Lake Drive boys team played a heated game against MSD, tipping to win the championship round, 29-26. KDES and MKSD placed third and fourth, respectively. The KDES boys won the Layup and Around the World competitions, and the Lake Drive boys won the Free Throw competition and brought back the award for Sportsmanship.

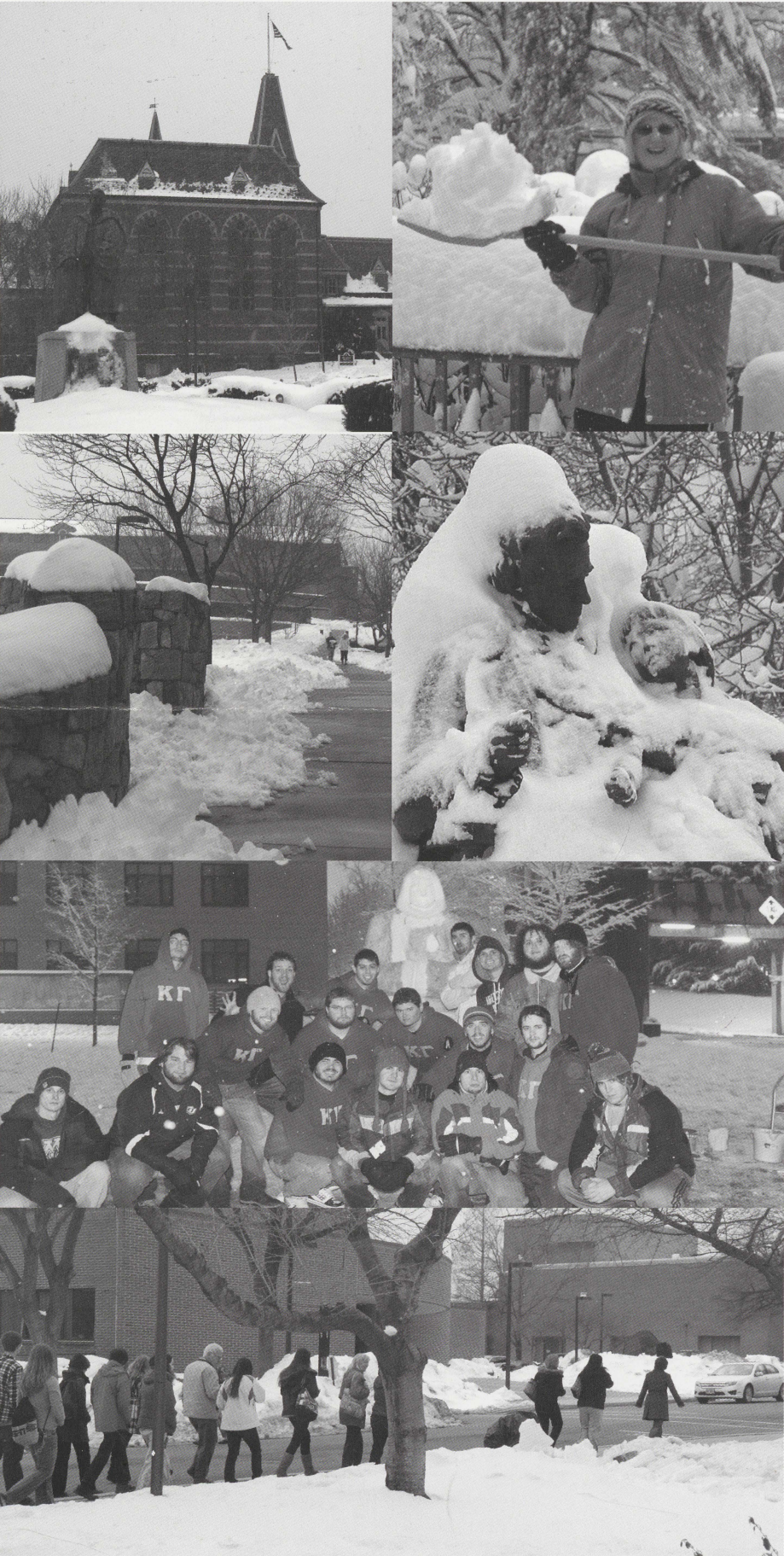
"The tournament was a big success. All the kids had a fantastic time. We were proud of our [KDES] Wildcats, but all the teams played with great heart," said Clerc Center Athletic Specialist Nanette Virnig.

Congratulations to all the players and schools on an outstanding competition! ■



# SNOW DAZE

(From top, left to right): Chapel Hall and the Edward Miner Gallaudet statue as seen through the first flakes of the February 9 blizzard (by Rhea Yablon Kennedy); social work professor Barbara White digs out (by Bruce White); snow piles on the Rock Wall (by Rhea Yablon Kennedy); Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell get a heavy dusting during the first major blizzard of "Snowmageddon 2010" on February 6 (by Frances Marquez); members of the Kappa Gamma Craternity gather in front of a towering snow creation they built on February 2 (courtesy of Mark Ramirez); prospective students and their family members trek through the snowy campus during the February 15 Undergraduate Open House (by Trey Balding).



## Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: A. The bust is of Laurent Clerc, a Frenchman who was America's first deaf teacher of deaf children. His French sign language helped to standardize and shape American Sign Language. The statue sits outside the north entrance to Fowler Hall. Clerc was born in LaBalme, France, in December 1785. By 1818, he had become such a prominent figure in deaf education that he testified before Congress that year to secure funding for the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn., sitting next to House Speaker Henry Clay, who wrote out the questions in English and French. Clerc retired from teaching in 1858.

The bust is a replica of a statue at the American School for the Deaf, which was originally sculpted by H. A. Batterson in 1874. The replicated bust, 300 pounds of cast bronze, was presented to the University by the Gallaudet University Alumni Association through its Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund to commemorate Gallaudet's change to university status. It was unveiled and dedicated on October 31, 1987 during University Week.

## Notes from Human Resources

### Service awards for November

#### Five years:

**Robert Morgan**, first class engineer, Utilities Services; **Billie Nelson**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Florence Pratt**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Karin Simmons**, business services and enrollment specialist, Office of the Executive Director, Clerc Center; **Linda Whitfield**, payroll specialist, Human Resources Services

#### Ten years:

**Linda Lancaster**, executive secretary, Office of Academic Quality

#### Fifteen years:

**Roberta Gage**, event planner for visitors and alumni relations, Training and Professional Development, Clerc Center; **Shirley Hampton**, co-curricular specialist, Student Life, MSSD

#### Twenty years:

**Barbara Kelly**, administrative scheduling assistant, Provost's Office

#### Twenty-five years:

**Donald Jackson**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Carl Pramuk**, associate dean, Student Center

#### Thirty years:

**Linda Chambers**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Sarah Evelyn-Cofield**, clerk, Postal Services

### New employees hired in November

**Elio Alfonso**, supervisor, Grounds; **Kristopher Davis**, shop foreman, Theatre Arts

### Service awards for December

#### Five years:

**Jessica Duhon**, educational planner, MSSD

#### Ten years:

**Makur Aciek**, staff accountant, Finance Office; **Maribel Garate**, assistant professor, Education

#### Twenty years:

**Robert Davila**, president, President's Office

#### Twenty-five years:

**Debra Lawson**, director of outreach programs and publications/digital media, Enrollment Marketing

#### Thirty years:

**Esther King**, administrative secretary, Administration and Supervision

### New employees hired in December

**Tamera Ballinger**, dispatcher/customer service representative, Public Safety

### Promotions in December

**John Davis**, assistant head football coach/assistant head track coach, Athletics

### Retirements in December

**Robert Davila**, President's Office; **Jane Hurst**, Philosophy and Religion; **Carol Monigan**, Postal Services

## Board of Trustees' report

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recommendations to help ensure that the honorary degree selection process is more inclusive of campus constituencies.

In addition, the Board is engaged in discussion with President Hurwitz regarding the financial condition of the University for the current year. Also, Provost Stephen Weiner informed the Board about the progress being made by Academic Affairs' Program Prioritization Task Force. The Board learned that this summer the task force expects to submit a preliminary report with its assessment of Gallaudet's undergraduate and graduate academic programs, and in November a final report will follow.

The Board received a report on possible plans for the 6th Street development project. It looks forward to considering such plans within the context of a master plan for the campus and surrounding areas, in order to advance the revitalization of the neighborhood. Board Committees also received reports, including, for example, an important update on alcohol and substance abuse policies. The administration has taken a thoughtful approach to this issue, which affects all colleges and universities, and which

offers an opportunity to educate young people about individual responsibility.

I would also like to advise you that Board is exploring how to restructure its committees to increase effectiveness, efficiency, and meaningful engagement with the content of its meetings. At its summer retreat, the Board expects to study the best means of ensuring that it fulfills its responsibilities for governance of the institution, with a decision-making process that follows the best practices in higher education. The Board balances independence, judgment, and support for the administration, and it must consider all of the data and diverse stakeholder views.

In closing, the Board would like to commend the progress that is being made by the Presidential Inaugural Planning Committee for President Hurwitz's May 12 inauguration ceremony. The committee is being led in its efforts by trustees Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke and Tiffany Williams-Granfors, and we are eagerly anticipating this formal welcome of our tenth president. I would like to extend my thanks, once again, to the trustees for rearranging their schedules for this weekend meeting, and I look forward to returning to Kendall Green for the Board's spring meeting May 12 to 14. ■